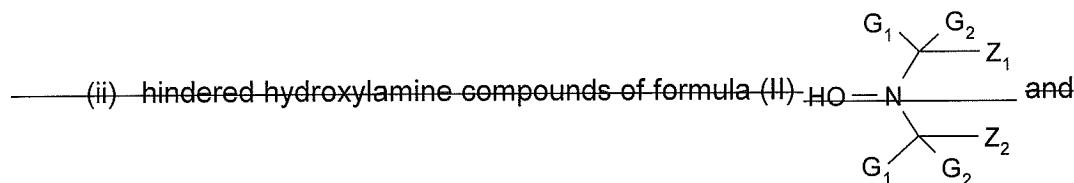
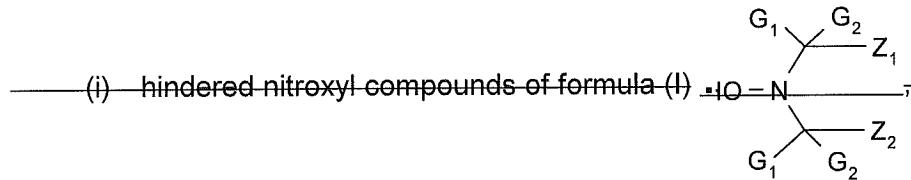


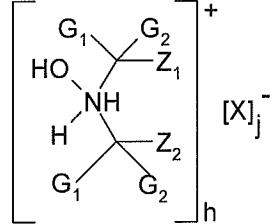
## IN THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended): A stabilized composition comprising

- (a) a body care product, or household product, textile or fabric,
- (b) an effective stabilizing amount of at least one compound selected from the group consisting of



(iii) hindered hydroxylamine salt compounds of formula (III)



wherein

$\text{G}_1$  and  $\text{G}_2$  are independently alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms or are together pentamethylene,

$\text{Z}_1$  and  $\text{Z}_2$  are each methyl, or  $\text{Z}_1$  and  $\text{Z}_2$  together form a linking moiety which may additionally be substituted by an ester, ether, hydroxy, oxo, cyanohydrin, amide, amino, carboxy or urethane group,

$\text{X}$  is an inorganic or organic anion, selected from the group consisting of phosphate, phosphonate, carbonate, bicarbonate, nitrate, chloride, bromide, bisulfite, sulfite, bisulfate, sulfate, borate, formate, acetate, benzoate, citrate, oxalate, tartrate, acrylate, polyacrylate, fumarate, maleate, itaconate, glycolate, gluconate, malate, mandelate, tiglate, ascorbate, polymethacrylate, a carboxylate of nitrilotriacetic acid, hydroxyethylenediaminetriacetic acid, ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid or of diethylenetriaminepentaacetic acid, a diethylenetriaminepentamethylenephosphonate, an alkylsulfonate or an arylsulfonate, and

where the total charge of cations  $\text{h}$  is equal to the total charge of anions  $\text{j}$ ; and

- (c) an organic UV filter selected from

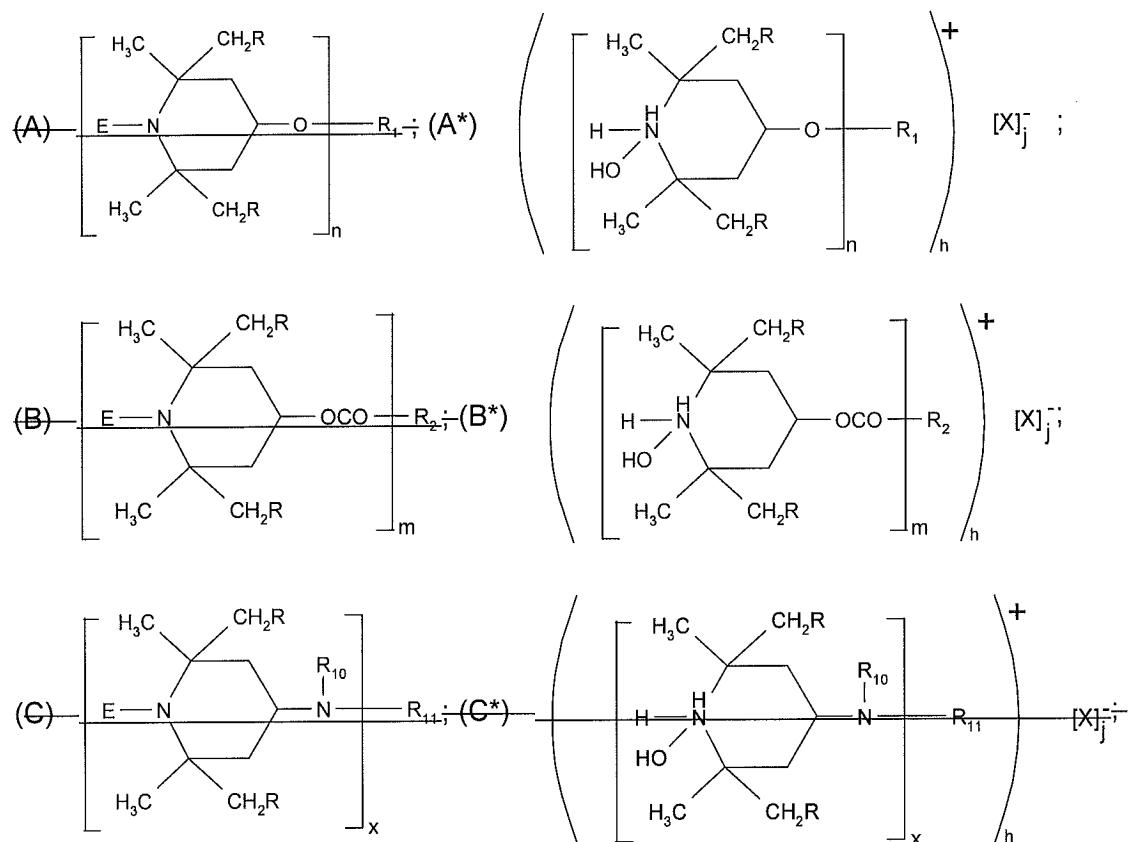
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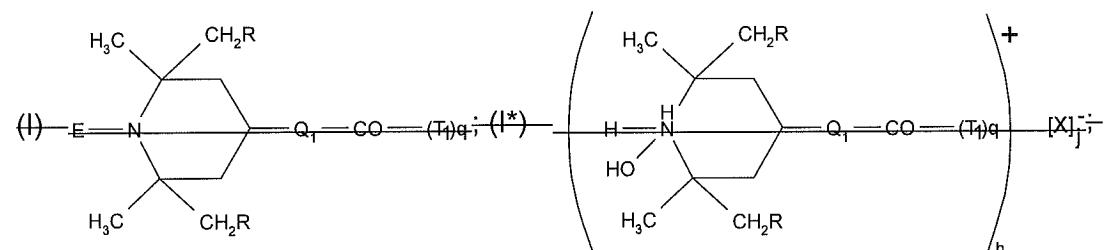
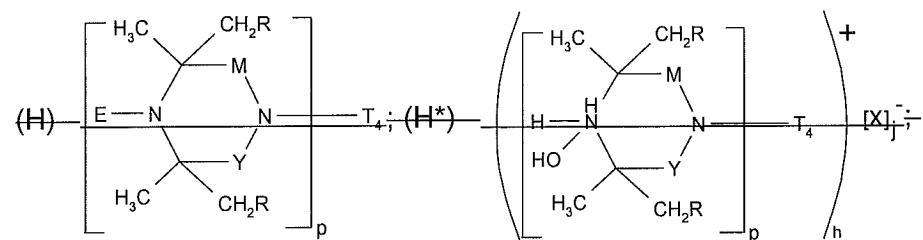
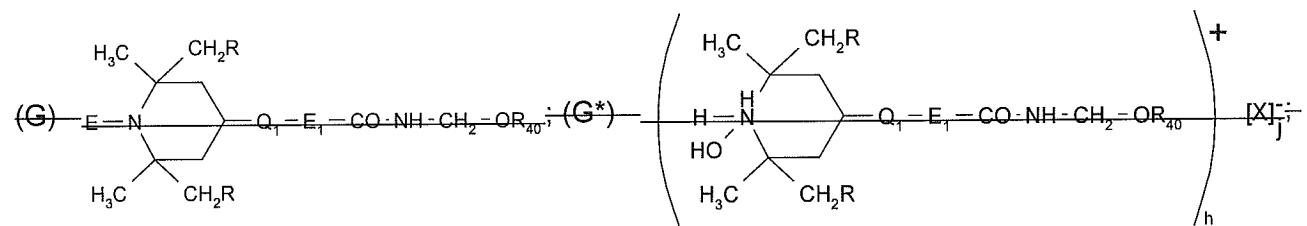
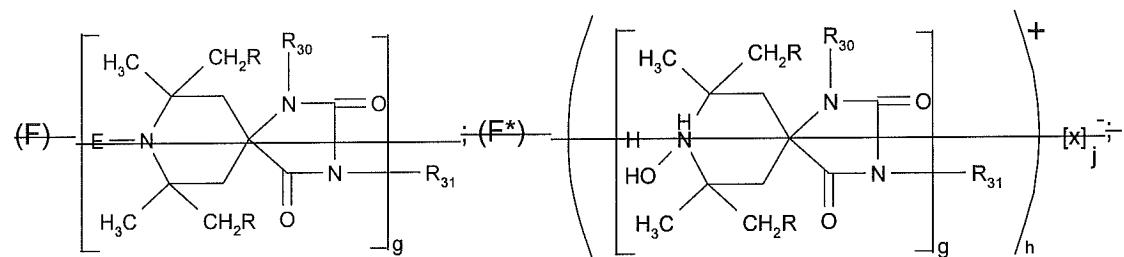
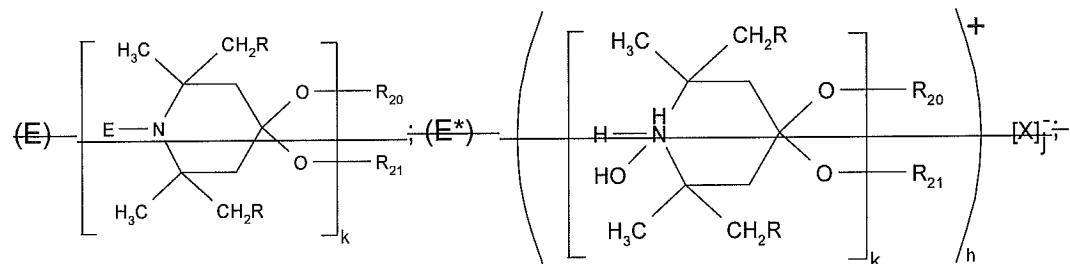
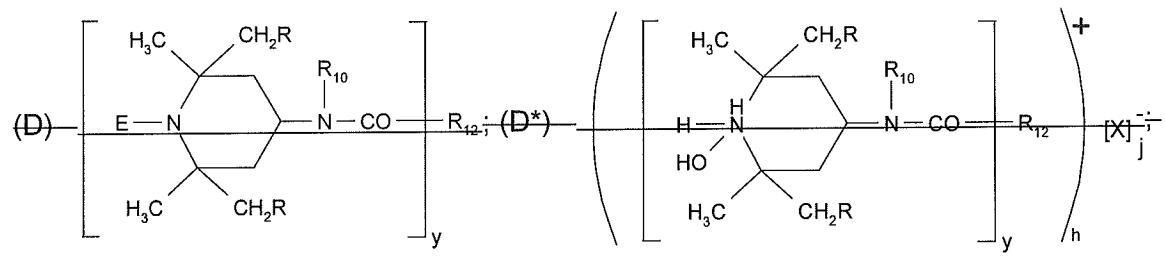
- (c<sub>2</sub>) cinnamic acid esters;
- (c<sub>3</sub>) camphor derivatives; and
- (c<sub>4</sub>) trianilino-s-triazine derivatives

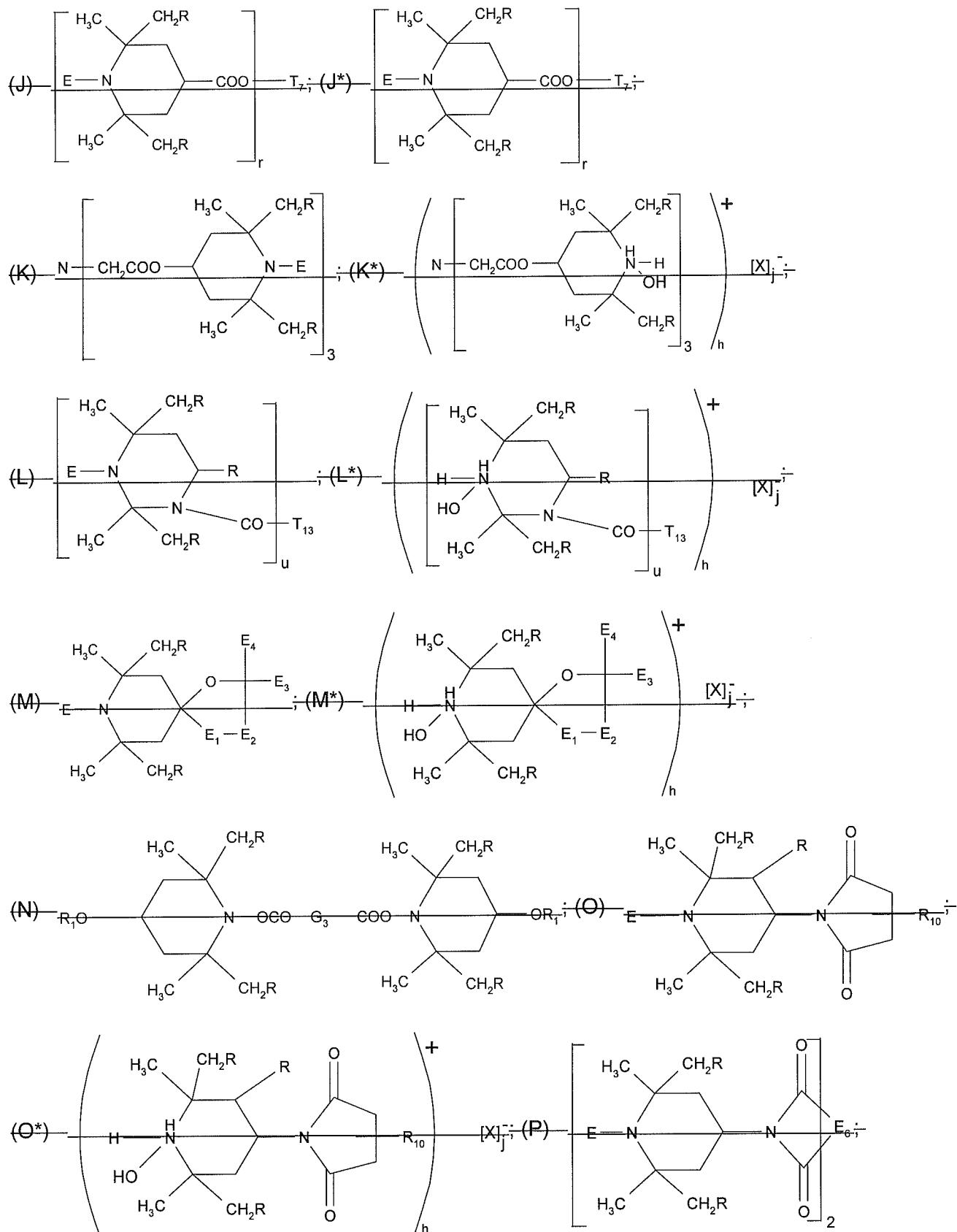
wherein body care product is selected from the group consisting of skin-care products, bath and shower products, liquid soaps, bar soaps, preparations containing fragrances and odoriferous substances, hair-care products, dentifrices, deodorizing and antiperspirant preparations, decorative preparations, light protection formulations and preparations containing active ingredients.

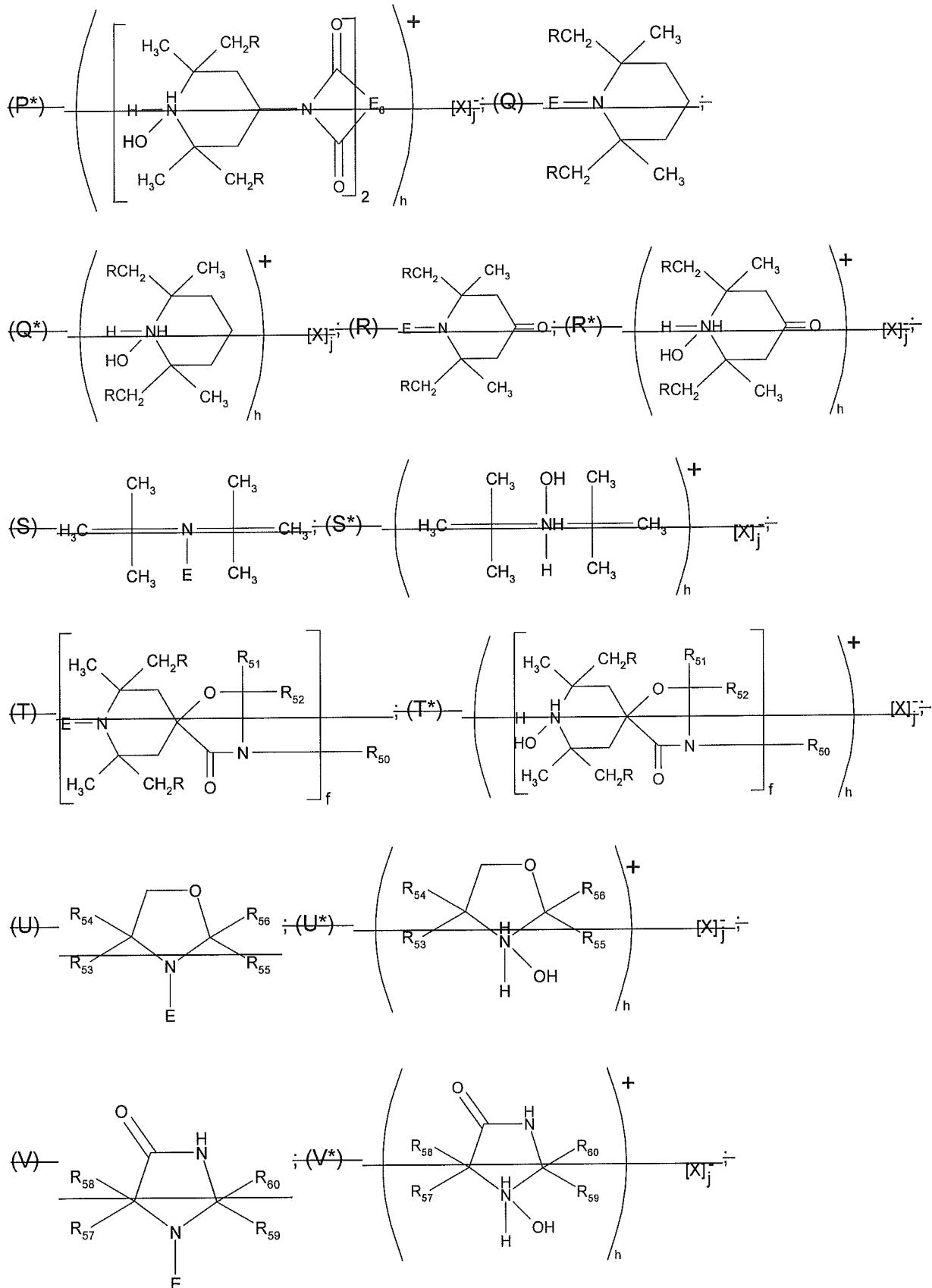
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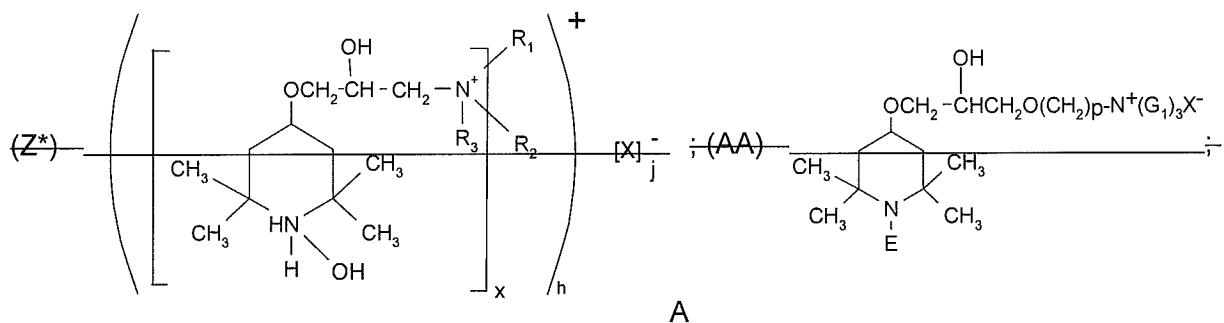
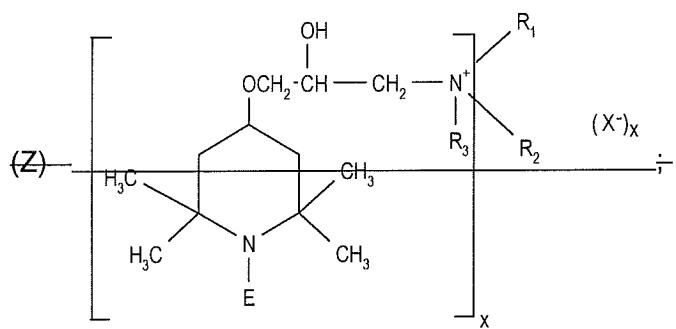
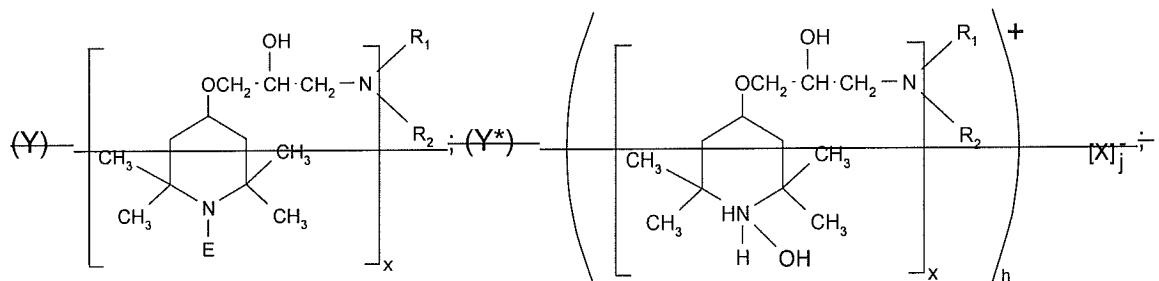
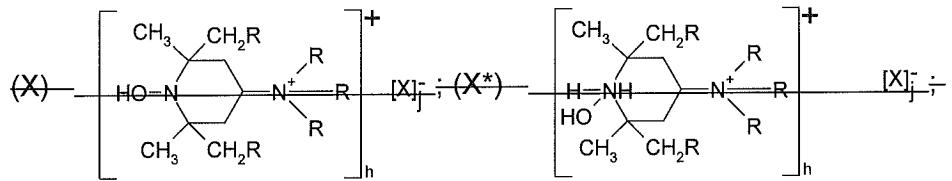
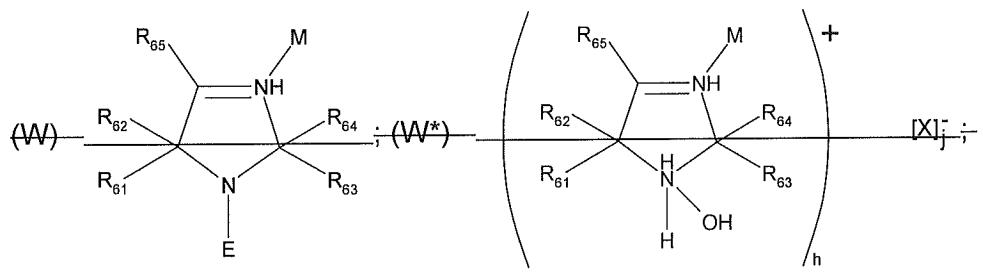
3. (currently amended): A composition according to claim 1 in which the compounds of component (b) are selected from compounds of formulae A\* and B\* to EE and A\* to EE\*



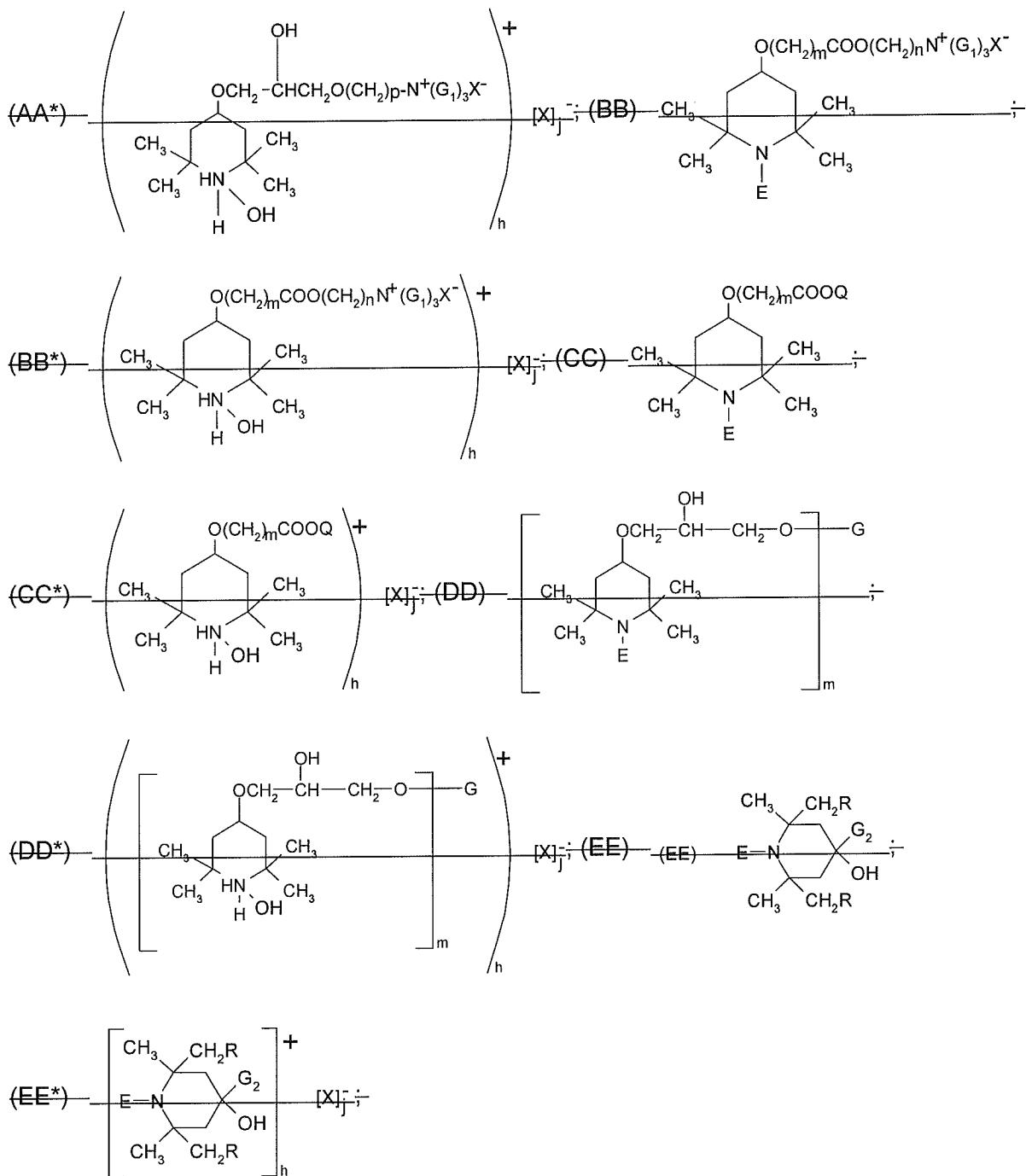








A



wherein

E is oxyl or hydroxyl,

R is hydrogen or methyl,

in formula A and A\*,

n is 1 or 2,

when n is 1,

R<sub>1</sub> is hydrogen, alkyl of 1 to 18 carbon atoms, alkenyl of 2-18 carbon atoms, propargyl, glycidyl, alkyl of 2 to 50 carbon atoms interrupted by one to twenty oxygen atoms, said alkyl substituted by one to ten hydroxyl groups or both interrupted by said oxygen atoms and substituted by said hydroxyl groups, or

R<sub>1</sub> is alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms substituted by a carboxy group or by -COOZ where Z is hydrogen, alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms or phenyl, or where Z is said alkyl substituted by -(COO)<sub>n</sub>M<sup>n+</sup> where n is 1-3 and M is a metal ion from the 1st, 2nd or 3rd group of the periodic table or is Zn, Cu, Ni or Co, or M is a group N<sup>n+</sup>(R<sub>2</sub>)<sub>4</sub> where R<sub>2</sub> is alkyl of 1 to 8 carbon atoms or benzyl,

when n is 2,

R<sub>1</sub> is alkylene of 1 to 12 carbon atoms, alkenylene of 4 to 12 carbon atoms, xylylene or alkylene of 1 to 50 carbon atoms interrupted by one to twenty oxygen atoms, substituted by one to ten hydroxyl groups or both interrupted by said oxygen atoms and substituted by said hydroxyl groups,

in formula B and B\*,

m is 1 to 4,

when m is 1,

R<sub>2</sub> is alkyl of 1 to 18 carbon atoms, alkyl of 3 to 18 carbon atoms interrupted by -COO-, or R<sub>2</sub> is -CH<sub>2</sub>(OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>OCH<sub>3</sub> where n is 1 to 12, or

R<sub>2</sub> is cycloalkyl of 5 to 12 carbon atoms, aryl of 6 to 12 carbon atoms, or said aryl substituted by one to four alkyl groups of 1 to 4 carbon atoms, or

R<sub>2</sub> is -NHR<sub>3</sub> where R<sub>3</sub> is alkyl of 1 to 18 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl of 5 to 12 carbon atoms, aryl of 6 to 12 carbon atoms, or said aryl substituted by one to four alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms, or

R<sub>2</sub> is -N(R<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> where R<sub>3</sub> is as defined above,

when m is 2,

R<sub>2</sub> is alkylene of 1 to 12 carbon atoms, alkenylene of 4 to 12 carbon atoms, xylylene, alkylene of 2 to 12 carbon atoms interrupted by -COO-, or R<sub>2</sub> is -CH<sub>2</sub>(OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>OCH<sub>2</sub>- where n is 1 to 12, or

R<sub>2</sub> is cycloalkylene of 5 to 12 carbon atoms, aralkylene of 7 to 15 carbon atoms or arylene of 6 to 12 carbon atoms, or

R<sub>2</sub> is -NHR<sub>4</sub>NH- where R<sub>4</sub> is alkylene of 2 to 18 carbon atoms, cycloalkylene of 5 to 12 carbon atoms, aralkylene of 8 to 15 carbon atoms or arylene of 6 to 12 carbon atoms, or

R<sub>2</sub> is -N(R<sub>3</sub>)R<sub>4</sub>N(R<sub>3</sub>)- where R<sub>3</sub> and R<sub>4</sub> are as defined above, or

R<sub>2</sub> is -CO- or -NH-CO-NH-,

when m is 3,

R<sub>2</sub> is alkanetriyl of 3 to 8 carbon atoms or benzenetriyl, or

when m is 4,

$R_2$  is alkanetetrayl of 5 to 8 carbon atoms or benzenetetrayl,

in formula C and C\*,

$R_{10}$  is hydrogen, alkyl of 1 to 18 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl of 5 to 12 carbon atoms, aralkyl of 7 to 15 carbon atoms, alkanoyl of 2 to 18 carbon atoms, alkenoyl of 3 to 5 carbon atoms or benzoyl,

x is 1 or 2,

when x is 1,

$R_{11}$  is hydrogen, alkyl of 1 to 18 carbon atoms, alkenyl of 2 to 18 carbon atoms, propargyl, glycidyl, alkyl of 2 to 50 carbon atoms interrupted by one to twenty oxygen atoms, said alkyl substituted by one to ten hydroxyl groups or both interrupted by said oxygen atoms and substituted by said hydroxyl groups, or

$R_{11}$  is alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms substituted by a carboxy group or by  $\text{COO}Z$  where Z is hydrogen, alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms or phenyl, or where Z is said alkyl substituted by  $(\text{COO})_n M^{n+}$  where n is 1-3 and M is a metal ion from the 1st, 2nd or 3rd group of the periodic table or is Zn, Cu, Ni or Co, or M is a group  $N^{n+}(R_2)_4$  where  $R_2$  is hydrogen, alkyl of 1 to 8 carbon atoms or benzyl, or

when x is 2,

$R_{11}$  is alkylene of 1 to 12 carbon atoms, alkenylene of 4 to 12 carbon atoms, xylylene or alkylene of 1 to 50 carbon atoms interrupted by one to twenty oxygen atoms, substituted by one to ten hydroxyl groups or both interrupted by said oxygen atoms and substituted by said hydroxyl groups,

in formula D and D\*,

$R_{10}$  is as defined above,

y is 1 to 4, and

$R_{12}$  is defined as  $R_2$  above

in formula E and E\*,

k is 1 or 2,

when k is 1,

$R_{20}$  and  $R_{24}$  are independently alkyl of 1 to 12 carbon atoms, alkenyl of 2 to 12 carbon atoms or aralkyl of 7 to 15 carbon atoms, or  $R_{20}$  is also hydrogen, or

$R_{20}$  and  $R_{24}$  together are alkylene of 2 to 8 carbon atoms or said alkylene substituted by hydroxyl, or are acyloxyalkylene of 4 to 22 carbon atoms, or

when k is 2,

$R_{20}$  and  $R_{24}$  are together  $(\text{CH}_2)_2 \text{C}(\text{CH}_2)_2$ ,

in formula F and F\*,

$R_{30}$  is hydrogen, alkyl of 1 to 18 carbon atoms, benzyl, glycidyl, or alkoxyalkyl of 2 to 6 carbon atoms,

g is 1 or 2,

when g is 1, R<sub>34</sub> is defined as R<sub>4</sub> above when n is 1,  
when g is 2, R<sub>34</sub> is defined as R<sub>4</sub> above when n is 2,  
in formula G and G\*,  
Q<sub>4</sub> is NR<sub>44</sub> or O,  
E<sub>4</sub> is alkylene of 1 to 3 carbon atoms, or E<sub>4</sub> is CH<sub>2</sub>-CH(R<sub>42</sub>)-O where R<sub>42</sub> is hydrogen, methyl or phenyl, or E<sub>4</sub> is -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>-NH or E<sub>4</sub> is a direct bond,  
R<sub>40</sub> is hydrogen or alkyl of 1 to 18 carbon atoms,  
R<sub>41</sub> is hydrogen, alkyl of 1 to 18 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl of 5 to 12 carbon atoms, aralkyl of 7 to 15 carbon atoms, aryl of 6 to 10 carbon atoms, or R<sub>41</sub> is CH<sub>2</sub>-CH(R<sub>42</sub>)-OH where R<sub>42</sub> is as defined above,  
in formula H and H\*,  
p is 1 or 2,  
T<sub>4</sub> is as defined for R<sub>44</sub> when x is 1 or 2,  
M and Y are independently methylene or carbonyl, for instance M is methylene and Y is carbonyl,  
in formula I and I\*,  
this formula denotes a recurring structural unit of a polymer where T<sub>4</sub> is ethylene or 1,2-propylene or is the repeating structural unit derived from an alpha-olefin copolymer with an alkyl acrylate or methacrylate, and where  
q is 2 to 100,  
Q<sub>4</sub> is N(R<sub>44</sub>) or O where R<sub>44</sub> is as defined above,  
in formula J and J\*,  
r is 1 or 2,  
T<sub>7</sub> is as defined for R<sub>4</sub> when n is 1 or 2 in formula A,  
in formula L and L\*,  
u is 1 or 2,  
T<sub>13</sub> is as defined for R<sub>4</sub> when n is 1 or 2 in formula A, with the proviso that T<sub>13</sub> is not hydrogen when u is 1,  
in formula M and M\*,  
E<sub>1</sub> and E<sub>2</sub>, being different, each are -CO- or N(E<sub>5</sub>) where E<sub>5</sub> is hydrogen, alkyl of 1 to 12 carbon atoms or alkoxy carbonyl alkyl of 4 to 22 carbon atoms, for instance E<sub>1</sub> is -CO- and E<sub>2</sub> is N(E<sub>5</sub>), E<sub>3</sub> is hydrogen, alkyl of 1 to 30 carbon atoms, phenyl, naphthyl, said phenyl or said naphthyl substituted by chlorine or by alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms, or phenyl alkyl of 7 to 12 carbon atoms, or said phenyl alkyl substituted by alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms,

$E_4$  is hydrogen, alkyl of 1 to 30 carbon atoms, phenyl, naphthyl or phenylalkyl of 7 to 12 carbon atoms, or

$E_3$  and  $E_4$  together are polymethylene of 4 to 17 carbon atoms, or said polymethylene substituted by one to four alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms,

in formula N,

$R_{11}$  is as defined for  $R_4$  in formula A when  $n$  is 1,

$G_3$  is a direct bond, alkylene of 1 to 12 carbon atoms, phenylene or  $NH-G_4-NH$  where  $G_4$  is alkylene of 1 to 12 carbon atoms,

in formula O and  $O^*$ ,

$R_{10}$  is as defined for  $R_{10}$  in formula C,

in formula P and  $P^*$ ,

$E_6$  is an aliphatic or aromatic tetravalent radical,

in formula T and  $T^*$ ,

$R_{51}$  is hydrogen, alkyl of 1 to 18 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl of 5 to 12 carbon atoms, or aryl of 6 to 10 carbon atoms,

$R_{52}$  is hydrogen or alkyl of 1 to 18 carbon atoms, or

$R_{51}$  and  $R_{52}$  together of alkylene of 4 to 8 carbon atoms,

$f$  is 1 or 2,

when  $f$  is 1,

$R_{50}$  is as defined for  $R_{11}$  in formula C when  $x$  is 1, or  $R_{50}$  is  $(CH_2)_zCOOR_{54}$  where  $z$  is 1 to 4 and  $R_{54}$  is hydrogen or alkyl of 1 to 18 carbon atoms, or  $R_{54}$  is a metal ion from the 1st, 2nd or 3rd group of the periodic table or a group  $N(R_{55})_4$  where  $R_{55}$  is hydrogen, alkyl of 1 to 12 carbon atoms or benzyl,

when  $f$  is 2,  $R_{50}$  is as defined for  $R_{11}$  in formula C when  $x$  is 2,

in formula U and  $U^*$ ,

$R_{53}$ ,  $R_{54}$ ,  $R_{55}$  and  $R_{56}$  are independently alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms or are together pentamethylene.

in formula V and  $V^*$ ,

$R_{57}$ ,  $R_{58}$ ,  $R_{59}$  and  $R_{60}$  are independently alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms or are together pentamethylene.

in formula W and  $W^*$ ,

$R_{61}$ ,  $R_{62}$ ,  $R_{63}$  and  $R_{64}$  are independently alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms or are together pentamethylene,

$R_{65}$  is alkyl of 1 to 5 carbon atoms,

$M$  is hydrogen or oxygen,

wherein in formulas X to CC and  $X^*$  to  $CC^*$

$n$  is 2 to 3,

$G_4$  is hydrogen, methyl, ethyl, butyl or benzyl,

$m$  is 1 to 4,

$x$  is 1 to 4,

when  $x$  is 1,

$R_1$  and  $R_2$  are independently alkyl of 1 to 18 carbon atoms, said alkyl interrupted by one to five oxygen atoms, said alkyl substituted by 1 to 5 hydroxyl groups or said alkyl both interrupted by said oxygen atoms and substituted by said hydroxyl groups; cycloalkyl of 5 to 12 carbon atoms, aralkyl of 7 to 15 carbon atoms, aryl of 6 to 10 carbon atoms or said aryl substituted by one to three alkyl of 1 to 8 carbon atoms, or  $R_4$  is also hydrogen,

or  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  are together tetramethylene, pentamethylene, hexamethylene or 3-oxapentamethylene, when  $x$  is 2,

$R_4$  is hydrogen, alkyl of 1 to 8 carbon atoms, said alkyl interrupted by one or two oxygen atoms, said alkyl substituted by a hydroxyl group, or said alkyl both interrupted by one or two oxygen atoms and substituted by a hydroxyl group,

$R_2$  is alkylene of 2 to 18 carbon atoms, said alkylene interrupted by one to five oxygen atoms, said alkylene substituted by 1 to 5 hydroxyl groups or said alkylene both interrupted by said oxygen atoms and substituted by said hydroxyl groups; o-, m- or p-phenylene or said phenylene substituted by one or two alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms, or

$R_2$  is  $(CH_2)_kO[(CH_2)_kO]_h(CH_2)_k$  where  $k$  is 2 to 4 and  $h$  is 1 to 40, or

$R_1$  and  $R_2$  together with the two N atoms to which they are attached are piperazin-1,4-diyil,

when  $x$  is 3,

$R_4$  is hydrogen

$R_2$  is alkylene of 4 to 8 carbon atoms interrupted by one nitrogen atom,

when  $x$  is 4,

$R_4$  is hydrogen,

$R_2$  is alkylene of 6 to 12 carbon atoms interrupted by two nitrogen atoms,

$R_3$  is hydrogen, alkyl of 1 to 8 carbon atoms, said alkyl interrupted by one or two oxygen atoms, said alkyl substituted by a hydroxyl group, or both interrupted by one or two oxygen atoms and substituted by a hydroxyl group,

$P$  is 2 or 3, and

$Q$  is an alkali metal salt, ammonium or  $N^+(G_4)_4^-$

in formula DD and DD\*

$m$  is 2 or 3,

when  $m$  is 2,

~~G<sub>1</sub>~~ is ~~(CH<sub>2</sub>CHR-O)<sub>r</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CHR-~~, where r is 0 to 3, and R is hydrogen or methyl, and  
when m is 3,

~~G<sub>2</sub>~~ is glyceryl,

in formula ~~EE~~ and ~~EE\*~~

~~G<sub>2</sub>~~ is ~~CN, CONH<sub>2</sub> or COOG<sub>3</sub> where G<sub>3</sub> is hydrogen, alkyl of 1 to 18 carbon atoms or phenyl,~~

X is an inorganic or organic anion, selected from the group consisting of phosphate, phosphonate, carbonate, bicarbonate, nitrate, chloride, bromide, bisulfite, sulfite, bisulfate, sulfate, borate, formate, acetate, benzoate, citrate, oxalate, tartrate, acrylate, polyacrylate, fumarate, maleate, itaconate, glycolate, gluconate, malate, mandelate, tiglate, ascorbate, polymethacrylate, a carboxylate of nitrilotriacetic acid, hydroxyethylmethylenediaminetriacetic acid, ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid or of diethylenetriaminepentaacetic acid, a diethylenetriaminepentamethylenephosphonate, an alkylsulfonate or an arylsulfonate, and where the total charge of cations h is equal to the total charge of anions j.

4. (cancelled).

5. (currently amended): A composition according to claim 3 wherein the compounds of component (b) are of formulae ~~A, A\*, B, B\*, C, C\*, D, D\*, Q, Q\*, R, R\*, S, S\*, X, X\*, Y, Y\*, Z and Z\*~~, wherein

R is hydrogen,

in formula ~~A and A\*~~

n is 1 or 2,

when n is 1,

R<sub>1</sub> is hydrogen, alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, alkenyl of 2 to 6 carbon atoms, propargyl, glycidyl, alkyl of 2 to 20 carbon atoms interrupted by one to ten oxygen atoms, said alkyl substituted by one to five hydroxyl groups or both interrupted by said oxygen atoms and substituted by said hydroxyl groups, or

R<sub>1</sub> is alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms substituted by a carboxy group or by -COOZ where Z is hydrogen or alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms,

when n is 2,

R<sub>1</sub> is alkylene of 1 to 8 carbon atoms, alkenylene of 4 to 8 carbon atoms, alkylene of 1 to 20 carbon atoms interrupted by one to ten oxygen atoms, substituted by one to five hydroxyl groups or both interrupted by said oxygen atoms and substituted by said hydroxyl groups

in formula ~~B and B\*~~

m is 1 or 2

when m is 1,

R<sub>2</sub> is alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms or R<sub>2</sub> is CH<sub>2</sub>(OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>OCH<sub>3</sub> where n is 1 to 12, or

R<sub>2</sub> is phenyl, or said phenyl substituted by one to three methyl groups,

R<sub>2</sub> is -NHR<sub>3</sub> where R<sub>3</sub> is alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms or phenyl, or said phenyl substituted by one or two methyl groups,

when m is 2,

R<sub>2</sub> is alkylene of 1 to 8 carbon atoms, alkenylene of 4 to 8 carbon atoms, or R<sub>2</sub> is

-CH<sub>2</sub>(OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>OCH<sub>2</sub>- where n is 1 to 12,

R<sub>2</sub> is NHR<sub>4</sub>NH where R<sub>4</sub> is of 2 to 6 carbon atoms, aralkylene of 8 to 15 carbon atoms or arylene of 6 to 12 carbon atoms,

R<sub>2</sub> is -CO- or -NHCONH

in formula C and C\*,

R<sub>10</sub> is hydrogen or, alkanoyl of 1 to 3 carbon atoms,

x is 1 or 2,

when x is 1,

R<sub>11</sub> is hydrogen, alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms or glycidyl,

R<sub>11</sub> is alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms substituted by a carboxy group or by COOZ where Z is hydrogen or alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms,

when x is 2,

R<sub>11</sub> is alkylene of 1 to 6 carbon atoms,

in formula D and D\*,

R<sub>10</sub> is hydrogen,

y is 1 or 2,

R<sub>12</sub> is defined as R<sub>2</sub> above,

in formula Y, Y\*, Z and Z\*,

x is 1 or 2,

when x is 1,

R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub> are independently alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms,

or R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub> are together tetramethylene, or pentamethylene,

R<sub>2</sub> is hydrogen or alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms, said alkyl group substituted by a hydroxyl group,

when x is 2,

R<sub>1</sub> is hydrogen, alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms, said alkyl substituted by a hydroxyl group,

R<sub>2</sub> is alkylene of 2 to 6 carbon atoms,

~~R<sub>3</sub>~~ is as defined above.

6. (currently amended): A composition according to claim 5 where the compounds of component (b) are of formulae ~~A, A\*, B, B\*, C, C\*, D, D\*, Q, Q\*~~, R and R\*, wherein

R is hydrogen,

in formula ~~A and A\*~~,

h is 1,

R<sub>1</sub> is hydrogen, alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms, glycidyl, alkyl of 2 to 4 carbon atoms interrupted by one or two oxygen atoms, said alkyl substituted by one or two hydroxyl groups or both interrupted by said oxygen atoms and substituted by said hydroxyl groups, or

R<sub>1</sub> is alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms substituted by -COOZ where Z is hydrogen or alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms,

in formula ~~B and B\*~~,

m is 1 or 2,

R<sub>2</sub> is alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms or R<sub>2</sub> is CH<sub>2</sub>(OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>OCH<sub>3</sub> where n is 1 to 4,

when m is 2,

R<sub>2</sub> is alkylene of 1 to 8 carbon atoms

in formula ~~C and C\*~~,

~~R<sub>40</sub> is hydrogen or alkanoyl of 1 or 2 carbon atoms;~~

x is 1 or 2,

when x is 1,

~~R<sub>41</sub> is hydrogen, alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms or glycidyl,~~

~~R<sub>41</sub> is alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms substituted by COOZ where Z is hydrogen or alkyl of 1 to 4 carbon atoms,~~

when x is 2,

~~R<sub>41</sub> is alkylene of 1 to 6 carbon atoms~~

in formula ~~D and D\*~~,

~~R<sub>40</sub> is hydrogen,~~

y is 1 or 2,

~~R<sub>42</sub> is defined as R<sub>2</sub> above.~~

7. (currently amended): A composition according to claim 1 wherein the compounds of component (b) are selected from the group consisting of

~~bis(1-oxyl-2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidin-4-yl) sebacate; bis(1-hydroxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidin-4-yl) sebacate; 1-hydroxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-acetoxypiperidinium citrate; 1-oxyl-2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-acetamidopiperidine; 1-hydroxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-acetamidopiperidinium bisulfate; 1-oxyl-2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-oxo-piperidine; 1-hydroxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-oxo-piperidine; 1-hydroxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-oxo-piperidinium acetate; 1-oxyl-2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-methoxy-piperidine; 1-hydroxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-methoxy-piperidine; 1-hydroxyl-2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-methoxy-piperidinium acetate; 1-oxyl-2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-acetoxypiperidine; 1-hydroxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-propoxy-piperidine; 1-hydroxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-propoxy-piperidinium acetate; 1-hydroxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-(2-hydroxy-4-oxapentoxy)piperidine; 1-hydroxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-(2-hydroxy-4-oxapentoxy)piperidinium acetate; 1-oxyl-2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-hydroxypiperidine; 1-hydroxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-hydroxypiperidine; 1-hydroxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-hydroxypiperidinium chloride; 1-hydroxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-hydroxypiperidinium acetate; 1-hydroxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-hydroxypiperidinium bisulfate; 1-hydroxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-hydroxypiperidinium citrate; bis(1-hydroxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-hydroxypiperidinium) citrate; tris(1-hydroxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-hydroxypiperidinium) citrate; tetra(1-hydroxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-hydroxypiperidinium)ethylenediaminetetraacetate; tetra(1-hydroxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-acetamidopiperidinium) ethylenediaminetetraacetate; tetra(1-hydroxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-oxopiperidinium) ethylenediaminetetraacetate; penta(1-hydroxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-hydroxypiperidinium) diethylenetriaminepentaacetate; penta(1-hydroxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-acetamidopiperidinium) diethylenetriaminepentaacetate; penta(1-hydroxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-oxopiperidinium) diethylenetriaminepentaacetate; tri(1-hydroxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-hydroxypiperidinium) nitrilotriacetate; tri(1-hydroxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-acetamidopiperidinium) nitrilotriacetate; and penta(1-hydroxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-hydroxypiperidinium) diethylenetriaminepentamethyleneephosphonate; penta(1-hydroxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-acetamidopiperidinium) diethylenetriaminepentamethyleneephosphonate; and penta(1-hydroxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-oxopiperidinium)diethylenetriaminepentamethyleneephosphonate.~~

8. (currently amended): A composition according to claim 1 wherein the compounds of component (b) are selected from the group consisting of ~~1-oxyl-2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-hydroxypiperidine; 1-hydroxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-hydroxypiperidine; 1-hydroxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-hydroxypiperidinium chloride; 1-hydroxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-hydroxypiperidinium acetate; 1-hydroxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-hydroxypiperidinium bisulfate; 1-hydroxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-hydroxypiperidinium citrate; bis(1-~~

hydroxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-hydroxypiperidinium) citrate; tris(1-hydroxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-hydroxypiperidinium) citrate; tetra(1-hydroxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-hydroxypiperidinium) ethylenediaminetetraacetate; ~~tetra(1-hydroxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-acetamidopiperidinium)~~-ethylenediaminetetraacetate; ~~tetra(1-hydroxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-oxopiperidinium)~~-ethylenediaminetetraacetate; ~~and penta(1-hydroxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-hydroxy-piperidinium)~~-diethylenetriaminepentaacetate; ~~penta(1-hydroxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-acetamidopiperidinium)~~-diethylenetriaminepentaacetate; and ~~penta(1-hydroxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-oxopiperidinium)~~-diethylenetriaminepentaacetate.

9. (currently amended): A composition according to claim 1 in which the compounds of component (b) are selected from the group consisting of 1-hydroxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-hydroxypiperidinium citrate; bis(1-hydroxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-hydroxypiperidinium) citrate; tris(1-hydroxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-hydroxypiperidinium) citrate; 1-hydroxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-hydroxypiperidinium DTPA; bis(1-hydroxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-hydroxypiperidinium) DTPA; tris(1-hydroxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-hydroxypiperidinium) DTPA; tetrakis(1-hydroxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-hydroxypiperidinium) DTPA; pentakis(1-hydroxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-hydroxypiperidinium) EDTA; bis(1-hydroxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-hydroxypiperidinium) EDTA; tris(1-hydroxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-hydroxypiperidinium) EDTA; tetrakis(1-hydroxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-hydroxypiperidinium) EDTA; 1-hydroxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-~~exo~~-piperidinium citrate; bis(1-hydroxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-~~exo~~-piperidinium) citrate; tris(1-hydroxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-~~exo~~-piperidinium) DTPA; bis(1-hydroxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-~~exo~~-piperidinium) DTPA; tris(1-hydroxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-~~exo~~-piperidinium) DTPA; tetrakis(1-hydroxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-~~exo~~-piperidinium) DTPA; pentakis(1-hydroxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-~~exo~~-piperidinium) EDTA; bis(1-hydroxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-~~exo~~-piperidinium) EDTA; tris(1-hydroxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-~~exo~~-piperidinium) EDTA; tetrakis(1-hydroxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-~~exo~~-piperidinium) EDTA; 1-hydroxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-acetamidopiperidinium citrate; bis(1-hydroxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-acetamidopiperidinium) citrate; tris(1-hydroxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-acetamidopiperidinium) citrate; 1-hydroxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-acetamidopiperidinium DTPA; bis(1-hydroxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-acetamidopiperidinium) DTPA; tris(1-hydroxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-acetamidopiperidinium) DTPA; tetrakis(1-hydroxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-acetamidopiperidinium) DTPA; pentakis(1-hydroxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-acetamidopiperidinium) EDTA; bis(1-hydroxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-acetamidopiperidinium) EDTA; tris(1-hydroxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-acetamidopiperidinium) EDTA; tetrakis(1-hydroxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-acetamidopiperidinium) EDTA; 1-hydroxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-acetamidopiperidinium DTPA; bis(1-hydroxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-acetamidopiperidinium) DTPA; tris(1-hydroxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-acetamidopiperidinium) DTPA; tetrakis(1-hydroxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-acetamidopiperidinium) DTPA; pentakis(1-hydroxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-acetamidopiperidinium) EDTA; bis(1-hydroxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-acetamidopiperidinium) EDTA; tris(1-hydroxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-acetamidopiperidinium) EDTA; tetrakis(1-hydroxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-acetamidopiperidinium) EDTA; 1-hydroxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-acetamidopiperidinium DTPA; bis(1-hydroxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-acetamidopiperidinium) DTPA; tris(1-hydroxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-acetamidopiperidinium) DTPA; tetrakis(1-hydroxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-acetamidopiperidinium) DTPA; pentakis(1-hydroxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-acetamidopiperidinium) EDTA; bis(1-hydroxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-acetamidopiperidinium) EDTA; tris(1-hydroxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-acetamidopiperidinium) EDTA; tetrakis(1-hydroxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-acetamidopiperidinium) EDTA;

1-hydroxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-acetoxypiperidinium citrate; bis(1-hydroxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-acetoxypiperidinium) citrate; tris(1-hydroxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-acetoxypiperidinium) citrate; 1-hydroxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-acetoxypiperidinium DTPA; bis(1-hydroxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-acetoxypiperidinium) DTPA; tris(1-hydroxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-acetoxypiperidinium) DTPA; tetrakis(1-hydroxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-acetoxypiperidinium) DTPA; pentakis(1-hydroxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-acetoxypiperidinium) DTPA; 1-hydroxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-acetoxypiperidinium EDTA; bis(1-hydroxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-acetoxypiperidinium) EDTA; tris(1-hydroxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-acetoxypiperidinium) EDTA and tetrakis(1-hydroxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-acetoxypiperidinium) EDTA.

10. (previously presented): A composition according to claim 1, wherein  
(c<sub>1</sub>) is selected from Butyl Methoxydibenzoylmethane, Ethylhexyl Methoxydibenzoylmethane and Isopropyl Dibenzoylmethane

11. cancelled).

12. (previously presented): A composition according to claim 10, wherein  
(c<sub>1</sub>) is 1-(4-tert-butylphenyl)-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)propane-1,3-dione.

13-18. (cancelled).

19. (previously presented): A composition according to claim 1 further comprising  
(d) at least one compound selected from the group consisting of antioxidants, tocopherol, tocopherol acetate, hindered amine light stabilizers, complex formers, optical brighteners, surfactants, and polyorganosiloxanes.

20. (previously presented): A composition according to claim 1 wherein the compounds of components (b) and (c) are present in the body care or household products in a concentration of about 5 to about 10000 ppm, based on the total formulation.

21. (previously presented): A composition according to claim 1 wherein the ratio of component (b) to component (c) is from 1:1000 to 1000:1.

22-23. (cancelled).

24. (currently amended): A composition according to claim 123 wherein the skin-care products are selected from body oils, body lotions, body gels, treatment creams, skin protection ointments, shaving preparations and skin powders.

25. (currently amended): A composition according to claim 123 wherein the preparations containing fragrances and olfactory substances are selected from scents, perfumes, toilet waters and shaving lotions.

26. (currently amended): A composition according to claim 123 wherein the hair-care products are selected from shampoos, hair conditioners, 2 in 1 conditioners, leave in and rinse off conditioners, agents for styling and treating hair, perming agents, relaxants, hair sprays and lacquers, hair dyeing systems, permanent, demi-permanent, semi-permanent and temporary hair dyeing systems, and hair bleaching agents.

27. (currently amended): A composition according to claim 123 wherein the decorative preparations are selected from lipsticks, nail varnishes, eye shadows, mascaras, dry and moist make-up, rouge, powders, depilatory agents, sun care and after sun products.

28. (currently amended): A composition according to claim 123 wherein the preparations containing active ingredients are selected from hormone preparations, vitamin preparations, vegetable extract preparations and antibacterial preparations.

29. (previously presented): A composition according claim 1, wherein the household product is selected from household cleaning and treating agents.

30. (currently amended): A composition according to claim 29 wherein the household cleaning and treating agents are selected from ~~laundry detergents and fabric softeners, non-detergent based fabric care products,~~ liquid cleansing and scouring agents, glass detergents, neutral cleaners (all-purpose cleaners), acid household cleaners (bath), bathroom cleaners, washing, rinsing and dishwashing agents, kitchen and oven cleaners, clear rinsing agents, dishwasher detergents, shoe polishes, polishing waxes, floor detergents and polishes, metal, glass and ceramic cleaners, ~~textile care products,~~ rug cleaners and carpet shampoos, agents for removing rust, color and stains (stain remover salt), furniture and multipurpose polishes and leather and vinyl dressing agents (leather and vinyl sprays) and solid and liquid air fresheners.

31-40. (cancelled).